Beyond a short trial: Exploring the sustainability of allied health expanded scope models of care

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Allied health models of care

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Methods

• 70 short interviews with project leads / representatives
• Focus of discussion:
  • Implementation of new models during funding period
  • Ongoing implementation two years after the end of the funding period
  • Enablers and challenges
### Findings

- **Enablers**
  - Collaborative approach: Support for the model
  - PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS: Culture of INNOVATION and OPPORTUNITY
  - Succession planning: RESOURCE availability (FUNDING / SPACE)
  - Measuring outcomes / selling successes: Sustainable education and training
  - Sustainable education programs: Flexible model

- **Challenges**
  - Lack of support for the new model: Competing priorities (limited access to FUNDING)
  - Lack of clinic SPACE (co-located clinics): Site readiness
  - Limited succession planning: Education and training needs

- 48 models successfully established
- 6 models discontinued
- 32 did not commence (spoke sites, limited/no funding)